GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PARTNERSHIP IN GLOBAL BENEFIT SHARING
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India`s recent victory in a case against the European Unions anti-dumping policy at the World Trade Organisation would have a far reaching impact on the 15 nation blocs on anti-dumping practices ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India and other developing countries have yet to become equal partners in global benefit sharing ; and

(d) if so, the efforts made/being made by the Government to safeguard the interests of the nation in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : At India`s request the Dispute Settlement Body(DSB) of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) had established a Panel in the dispute regarding imposition by European Communities of final anti-dumping duties on imports of cotton-type bed linen from India. The Panel as well as the Appellate Body have concluded that the European Communities did not act consistently with its obligations under certain provisions of the Agreement on Anti-dumping and have recommended that the Dispute Settlement Body(DSB) request the European Communities to bring its measures into conformity with its obligations under the Anti-dumping Agreement. While Panel/Appellate Body reports are binding with respect to resolving the particular disputebetween the parties to the dispute, these reports are also likely to be taken into account in subsequent panels where they are relevant to any dispute.

(c) & (d) : The World Trade Organisation (WTO) provides the common institutional framework for the conduct of trade relations among its member countries. India has been actively pursuing the interests of developing countries and emphasizing to member countries the importance of taking into account the concerns of developing countries in conduct of trade relations.